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Captain ROBERT KENNETH BROWN, (The School Brigade,  
Fort Benning, Georgia, advised that he has been active in  
"Cuban matters" for several years and during the Spring of  
1963, in connection with anti-Castro activity, he was  
in contact with the National States Rights Party in  
Los Angeles, California.

In connection with this, he contacted Dr. STANLEY  
J. DRENNAN, 375 Wonderview Drive, North Hollywood, Califor-  
nia, who was active in the National States Rights Party.  
BROWN stated that once while a guest in Dr. DRENNAN's  
home, DRENNAN stated in general conversation that he  
could not do it, but what the organization needed was a  
group of young men to get rid of KENNEDY, the Cabinet  
and all members of Americans for Democratic Action and  
maybe 10,000 other people. BROWN stated that he considered  
the remark as being "crackpot;" however, as DRENNAN  
continued the conversation, he gained the impression that  
DRENNAN may have been propositioning him on this matter.

BROWN stated that he is a Reserve Officer and  
free-lance writer and has been to Cuba several times.  
He stated that prior to 1960, he was pro-Castro. He  
stated that he related his conversation with DRENNAN to  
STEVE WILSON, free-lance writer, Miami, Florida.

BROWN stated that he was again in contact with  
DRENNAN during the Summer of 1963 and DRENNAN revealed  
he had been interviewed by the Secret Service concerning  
his remarks.

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# Garrison Investigation Witness Victim Of Hit-Run Driver

by C.M. Schoenkopf

Who is getting too close to the truth in Southern California, is the \$84 question Jim Garrison might ask?

Does the "strange accident" which this weekend befell a Valley witness in the New Orleans District Attorney's investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy add No. 37 to the list of 38 witnesses who have either met death or suffered mysterious accidents since Garrison's investigation began or was it just a coincidence?

The witness, whose identification is being withheld for his protection, was struck down after dark as he crossed a Valley street, by a speeding white car which had pulled away from the curb with lights out, according to reports.

The victim had just finished cashing his paycheck at a nearby store, as was his regular weekly routine.

The hit-run felony miraculously proved to be non-fatal, as the victim had stopped in his tracks as he sensed a car speeding toward him. The car struck him at the side, missing a full force impact by two steps, according to a spokesman who said the victim was ten feet from the curb when hit. There was an eye witness to the accident.

The victim suffered multiple bruises and abrasions and a severely sprained leg.

The witness has been closely involved in the Eugene Bradley case. Bradley is one of two named by Garrison to have conspired to assassinate the President. The other, Clay Shaw, is awaiting trial in New Orleans.

The local hit-run victim is reported to have supplied Garrison with important information on Bradley's activities. It has also been recently reported that Bradley upon at least one occasion has been seen conferring with Dr. Stanley Drennan.

The North Valley Mail learned a statement had been issued several years ago by Dr. Drennan. In the statement, the doctor noted the visit of President Kennedy to the Los Angeles area while enroute to Hawaii, on Sat., June 10, 1963.

The doctor had issued his statement to delineate harassment and threat on an American citizen by American government officials, using his words.

At 7 a.m. on June 10, according to the statement, two of his (Drennan's) acquaintances, one in El Monte, and one in West Hollywood, were visited by two Secret Service Agents of the Treasury Dept. from the local L.A. Treasury Office, as was a third acquaintance, and were questioned as to Dr. Drennan's loyalty to the country. The agents, according to Drennan, were cautious in stating that they were merely checking out rumors, but asked if the friends knew of Dr. Drennan's plan to assassinate the President.

Two material witnesses from the So. California area have been subpoenaed by Garrison, Lawrence Howard of

El Monte and Leran Hill of Kernville. Bradley lives in North Hollywood.

When Dr. Drennan learned of the agents' calls he telephoned the Secret Service. It was admitted, according to the doctor, that he was under investigation and a meeting was arranged at Dr. Drennan's home on Wed., June 14, 1963, with two Treasury agents.

The conference consisted of lengthy questioning and warnings regarding the President and his family, both natural and official. Three different times, according to Drennan, he was accused of planning to assassinate the President and was told he could be put away on a mental charge. His inquiry as to why he had not been followed on the day of the Presidential visit here went unanswered, stated the doctor.

When asked if the President should be assassinated on any future trip such as the "upcoming" trip abroad, would he, Dr. Drennan, be the No. 1 suspect, the men angrily said "yes", reported the doctor, and warned his activities could result in observation for mental balance.

Dr. Drennan claimed to have a tape recording of the interview.

On Aug. 1, according to the doctor, he received another call from the Internal Revenue Dept. informing him that he was to have his books ready for inspection on Mon., Aug. 5, 1963, at 3:30 p.m. His Certified

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Public Accountant handled the matter and no discrepancies were found, the statement said.

According to the doctor, the week before the assassination the employer of his son, who had spent his fifteenth summer working at a resort in Idaho, was contacted by Secret Service agents and questioned about his activities and about his father. Two days after the assassination, the FBI interviewed the employer and presented a photocopy of a letter the boy had written to a Los Angeles recipient, stated the doctor. The agents had said the letter was retrieved from a "trash can"; however, said the doctor, in the cop and robber fantasy of youth, "These boys had agreed previously to burn their correspondence immediately upon receipt."

There was also a representative from the subversive squad of the California Committee on Un-American Activities that traveled from Sacramento to Idaho to inquire into the activities of the boy, the statement said.

In a personal interview with former FBI Agent George Jensen, currently acting as attorney for Eugene Bradley, it was stated by the attorney that Bradley is fighting extradition to New Orleans partially because of the enormous expenses that would be incurred personally in making such a trip. A defense fund is being solicited in his behalf, but according to his attorney barely \$100 has been raised. However, a personal friend who is helping solicit the defense funds quoted Bradley as stating after a third fund rally, approx. \$6,000, had been raised.

Bradley had a personal interview with Madame Nhu, widow of assassinated Premier Diem of South Vietnam the latter part of Oct. 1963 in a Los Angeles Hotel, according to an acquaintance. Bradley, reportedly, made a tape recording of the interview. The friend stated he has heard excerpts from the recording in which Madame Nhu expressed her thoughts regarding the Kennedy administration. Bradley also expressed his thoughts about Kennedy's position in Vietnam to his friend and further affirmed his thoughts to him following assassination of Kennedy.

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Dear Mr. Boxley:-

Enclosed find the article that Dean Ray called Mr. Ivon regarding. I only wish a call had been put through to the editor to cool this tempererily as this will considerably hinder investigation at this point. The editor, Mrs. Charletta Schoenkopf, is definitely pro-Barrison and would cooperate totally with your office if you would just telephone her. She is a close personal friend with this fellow Hise or Hesse who is in charge of the extradition hearing and who will advise Reagan on the matter. She will also turn over the Brennan letter on direct word from your office and I suggest you contact her at once; do not delay. She is a conservative with considerable influence in Sacramento and is willing to go all out for extradition. She could possibly make the difference.

At the time we learned this article was to be printed we had not been able to determine if Brennan had willing and willingly participated to conspire to kill the President. I can tell you now, after intensive investigation of the last few days, that I believe he definitely was deeply and knowingly involved. The difference is that, on such short notice, we could not obtain the conclusive proof and witnesses that we would probably come up with had more time been afforded us.

Imp! Source of Information?

This much I am quite certain of:- Brennan, Lorenz and Bradley were close personal friends. Brennan, sometime during the summer of '63, withdrew 25000.00 from his bank account and gave it to a government agent named Tom Brown who was supposed to be one of the original trigger men in the assassination plot. Brown chickened out and apparently contacted either the FBI or the Secret Service, which action resulted in the things Brennan mentions in this letter or statement. Howard was a close associate of Lorenz, so he should have, if he was truthful, supplied plenty of info on Lorenz. If he did not, then tell Mr. Barrison to wait on clearing Howard until we can learn more on this end. My opinion is that Brennan and many of these professional men are CIA or CIA connected. Brennan is so sick with worry that he is confined to his bed at present. Howard was a patient of Brennan's and I believe Hall was and Lorenz definitely was his patient. Brennan is trying to deny that his association with the others was as close as it definitely was, but he seems to be of a mind to lay blame on the others in order to whitewash his own participation. From what I am hearing he is really cracking up over the deal. A suicide or murder would not surprise me in the least, and very soon. Hesse do not release any of this information on Brennan, with the exception of the letter, until we can check further. If it is not out yet, then only information that we do not want to cooperate with would be "no".

You will never even see me, still we are working my residence in an unobtrusive but regular way. Hope they

then that dear, innocent soul Loran Hall. And I'm not exactly thrilled over his interest in me and the layout of my home at this time. My but isn't he the prosperous one these days; yellow Cadillac convertible, expensive suit and imported cigars. And just a few short years ago he was begging quarters and canned goods. Now I understand he owns a bar and hotel in Kernville which is believed to have been purchased with CIA money. Finally, I all but collided with Hall and his friend in front of the restaurant on our corner. They had sneaked through the bar and were about to duck into the restaurant when they came face to face with me and a friend. This unidentified friend of Hall's recognized us right away and was really upset. They went into the restaurant, looking back at us and when they finally turned around another friend of mine was standing directly in front of them inside the restaurant. Hall looked like he was going for a gun and my friend grabbed me and threw me against the building. It was a weird incident. The friends I was with were the fellows you spoke with in the hotel. I am sorry we had to run into Hall that way but I think he was pointing me out to this friend of his for some nasty purpose. So much for Hall.....

The friends I mentioned came to see me yesterday because the heavy one is really being threatened over this and he thinks it is the last straw with the government. In other words, he thinks he is fast approaching the end of his days. He is talking about going down to New Orleans and telling Mr. Garrison all he knows in the very near future. And I would say that no one alive knows more about the inner machinations of the hard right than this fellow. I am sure you realize that fact. He is now of the opinion that the CIA just about controls the entire movement.

He asked me if I would give him my unqualified endorsement of Mr. Garrison before he does this as he is in enough difficulty as matters presently stand. And I have given him my word about Mr. Garrison, something I have never, ever done in any situation. For this reason my friend has convinced himself that I must know Mr. Garrison very well, although I have twice stated to him that I have never met Mr. Garrison. So the situation will have to be handled tactfully if you should find him on your doorstep. And when I have the time I will send you a run down on myself, things that Mr. Garrison might be likely to know if he had ever even talked to me. And Mr. Garrison will just have to take it from there. And do not forget that this fellow is as far right as one can get and that he also knows I am not. He considers me a reliable conservative but he is well aware that I do not share a great many of his views.

I have plenty of records on the information you asked, but I am also in love with my husband unable to walk, etc. and I am in a terrible state of mind about this war as he is unable to do the things you stand for. Love is on the way.

Sincerely,

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having been acquainted with RUBENSTEIN and his activities. At this time T-2 added that DONALD EDWARD BROWDER was also formerly active in the illegal liquor market.

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On November 30, 1963, Warden D. M. MERTIGAGE, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that a check of the records of the U. S. Penitentiary failed to reflect a person by the name of DONALD EDWARD BROWDER as ever being an inmate at the U. S. Penitentiary. Records reflect that one EDDIE BROWDER was formerly incarcerated on a liquor violation and was released in 1960.

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by SA DANIEL B. DOYLE :cb Date dictated 12/1/63  
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Subject

Invested by SA CHARLES S. HARDING Date December 4, 1963 Office Atlanta, Georgia  
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Title LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character

INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

Summary

Information received, RALPH BRADLEY, in New Orleans, on 11-22-63 when news of President's assassination announced, someone mentioned OSWALD as suspect in crime before OSWALD came to attention of press. BRADLEY stated that after OSWALD was announced as suspect, he noticed OSWALD appeared to be well-known in New Orleans as being a demonstrator and distributor of literature. Never heard anyone mention OSWALD as suspect prior to time of arrest. Records, U. S. Penitentiary, fail to reflect anyone incarcerated who would be identifiable with DONALD EDWARD BROWDER. Captain ROBERT BENJAMIN BROWN, Fort Benning, Ga., advised was at home of Dr. STANLEY L. DRENNAN, North Hollywood, California, and DRENNAN stated that the National States Rights Party needed a group of young men to get rid of KENNEDY, the Cabinet, and all members of Americans for Democratic Action and possibly 10,000 other people.

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DETAILS

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On November 29, 1963, HUGH JACKSON, Vice-President of the Carterville Bank, Carterville, Georgia, advised SA JACK M. WENRICK that RALPH BRADLEY, owner of Bradley's Service Center, Carterville, Georgia, was allegedly in New Orleans at the time President KENNEDY was assassinated. BRADLEY supposedly heard someone mention OSWALD as a suspect in this crime possibly before OSWALD came to the attention of the press.

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On November 20, 1963, RALPH BRADLEY advised SA VERNER that he had been in New Orleans, Louisiana, from November 21 - 24, 1963, with a group of other businessmen on a business-pleasure trip. While there, he stayed at the Royal Orleans Hotel. After President KENNEDY was killed, BRADLEY said he heard a considerable amount of talk among the citizens of that city and over the news media concerning LEE OSWALD. He gathered from this that apparently OSWALD was well-known in New Orleans as being a demonstrator and a distributor of literature. He recalled seeing pictures of OSWALD that were apparently taken in New Orleans by a local TV station. Since returning to Cartersville, he has commented concerning how well OSWALD was known in New Orleans. During his stay in New Orleans, he never met anyone who personally knew OSWALD and never heard of anyone mentioning OSWALD as a suspect prior to the time his arrest was announced through news sources.

JACK LEON RUBY

Information was previously reported that DONALD EDWARD BROWDER, an inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary in Atlanta, was formerly associated with JACK LEON RUBY in Miami, Florida, in smuggling guns to Cuba.

On December 2, 1963, records of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, were checked by SA GEORGE H. YREASWELL. Records failed to reflect the name of any person presently or formerly incarcerated at that institution who would be logically identifiable with the DONALD EDWARD BROWDER, formerly described as being an associate of RUBY.

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The investigation which follows was conducted on the basis of allegations of BLANEY MACK JOHNSON, Atlanta, Georgia, that JACK RUBINSTEIN, whom he believed identical with JACK L. RUBY, was engaged in gun running activities to Cuba in the early 1950's. Information supplied by JOHNSON on November 29-30, 1963, was attributed to NY T-2 when first reported. As indicated hereinafter, JOHNSON advised in reinterview he now has no objection to his identity being disclosed for official purposes.

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BLANEY MACK JOHNSON, 531 Holderness Street, S.W.

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BLANEY MACK JOHNSON, 531 Holderness Street, S.W.,  
was reinterviewed and stated that he believes from pictures

